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THE HAGUE

1. IN PAST WEEK SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATEMENT AT AUGUST 11 PRESS  
CONFERENCE IN THE HAGUE HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED IN CYPRUS NEWS MEDIA  
AS A U.S. ATTEMPT TO LINK CYPRUS AND AEGEAN DISPUTES. THIS INTERPRE-  
TATION APPEARS TO BE BASED ON FACT THAT SECRETARY MENTIONED CYPRUS  
AND AEGEAN IN SAME SENTENCE IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION ABOUT  
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SETTLEMENT OF THE "GREEK-TURKISH PROBLEM". NEWS COVERAGE  
IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS ON AUGUST 12 DID NOT HIGHLIGHT THIS BUT  
STRESSED SECRETARY'S REJECTION OF THE PROBLEM HERE. GOC-  
CONTROLLED CYPRUS BROADCASTING CORPORATION CARRIED THE SAME

STORY AS A LEAD ITEM ON ITS RADIO AND TV NEWS AUGUST 12.

2. CYPRUS PRESS BEGAN TO FOCUS ON AEGEAN "LINKAGE" ON AUGUST 13 WHEN ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS ANSWERED THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

"THE U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. KISSINGER, IN A RECENT STATEMENT AT THE HAGUE ATTEMPTED TO PLACE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE DISPUTE OVER THE AEGEAN AND EVEN SAID THIS WAS THE MAIN CAUSE OF THE SAID DISPUTE. COULD YOU COMMENT....? ARCHBISHOP RESPONDED THAT:

"I WOULD NOT AGREE WITH THIS VIEW, BUT IN ANY CASE TURKEY HAS RECENTLY BEEN TRYING TO MIX THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WITH ITS OTHER DISPUTES WITH GREECE AND TO PRESENT IT AS ONE MORE DISPUTE (WITH GREECE)."

3. IN ONLY EXCEPTION TO CRITICAL EDITORIAL ATTENTION, PRO-CLERIDES SIMERINI AUGUST 14 WARNED "ONE MUST NOT UNDERESTIMATE THIS MOVE BY AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE .... THIS TIME INSTEAD OF AN ORCHESTRATED CRITICISM OF AMERICAN POLICY, LET US EMBARK ON THE PROPER UTILIZATION OF KISSINGER'S STATEMENT...NO LOGIC, NO POLICY SHOULD ALLOW THIS STATEMENT TO BE CAST IN THE WASTEBASKET AS SOMETHING USELESS. HE MADE A SERIOUS STATEMENT AND THE GREEK SIDE MUST INSIST ON ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND DEMAND PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE FROM WASHINGTON FOR THIS." AUGUST 17 PRESS IGNORED SIMERINI'S WARNING ABOUT "ORCHESTRATED CRITICISM". COMMUNIST HARAVGHI CALLED KISSINGER'S STATEMENT "HYPOCRISY" FOR NOT STRESSING NECESSITY OF TURKISH MILITARY WITHDRAWAL AND REFUGEE RETURN. PAPER CALLED ON U.S. TO SUPPORT U.N. RESOLUTIONS AND SOVIET CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS PROBLEM. PRO-LYSSARIDES TA NEA REJECTED ANY ATTEMPT TO LINK CYPRUS WITH AEGEAN PROBLEM, DREW ATTENTION TO REPEATED DECLARATIONS IN ATHENS AND NICOSIA TO EFFECT THAT ONLY GOC CAN NEGOTIATE CYPRUS PROBLEM. PRO-MAKARIOS PHILELEGTHEROS CAUTIONED READERS AGAINST KISSINGER'S ATTEMPTS TO LINK CYPRUS AND AEGEAN ISSUES "BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME HIDDEN INTENTIONS WHICH POSE GREAT DANGERS FOR CYPRUS."

PAPER INDICATED ONLY TURKEY STOOD TO GAIN FROM PLACING CYPRUS  
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PROBLEM WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF OTHER PROBLEMS WITH GREECE.

4. COMMENT: REACTION OF ARCHBISHOP AND MOST OF PRESS REFLECTS CONTINUING SENSITIVITY TO AND WARINESS OF (1) POSSIBLE GOG/GOT ATTEMPT TO LINK AEGEAN WITH CYPRUS TO DETRIMENT OF GOC AND (2) ANY INDICATION THAT "MOTHERLANDS" MIGHT TRY TO IMPOSE SETTLEMENT BEHIND CYPRUS' BACK.

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